(d) and (e) So far a total amount of Rs. 18,394 crores has been realised from disinvestment. This has been credited to the consolidated Fund of India. The entire receipt from disinvestment and privatization will be used for meeting expenditure in social sectors, restructuring of PSUs and retiring public debt.

Production of Cement by CCI

5232. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of cement by the units of Cement Corporation of India during the current year as compared to the last five years;

(b) the reasons for fall in production thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of cement; and

(d) whether salaries are being paid to the employees of CCI regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The total production of cement by CCI during the past six years (1994-95 to 1999-2000) was as under:—

(in Lakh Metric Tons)

Year	Production
1994-95	21.89
1995-96	19.56
1996-97	17.20
1997-98	9.85
1998-99	9.47
1999-2000	6.55 (prov.)

(b) The decline in production was mainly due to liquidity crunch and related factors.

(c) CCI has been under reference to BIFR and its revival of the company is dependent on the scheme which may be finalised by the BIFR.

(d) Due to the liquidity problems being faced by CCI, there have been intermittent delays in payment of the salary to the employees.